

No let-up for Soviet Jews

Jewish Chronicle Foreign Staff

The third in the current series of anti-Jewish trials in the Soviet Union opened in Riga on Monday, when a woman and three men were charged with "anti-Soviet activities." The official Soviet news agency, Tass, said the four are accused of "fabricating and circulating slanderous material for subversive purposes and attempting to draw their colleagues into their activities hostile to the State."

The prosecution in the trial, which was due to end yesterday (Thursday), demanded sentences ranging from one to four years. These are lighter than expected.

The official hand-outs endeavour to connect the four with the nine tried in Leningrad last week and sentenced to terms in "special régime" labour camps ranging from one to ten years.

The sentences were those demanded by the prosecution with the exception of that passed on Mikhail Kornblit, who was given seven years instead of eight, and Lassa Kaminsky (five years instead of six).

The "special régime" labour camp is the second most severe form of Soviet imprisonment. Inmates are allowed one visit from relatives a year, one parcel and one letter, and then only after they have served half their sentences. The four accused in Riga are: Ruth Alexandrovich, 23; Mikhail

defendants pleaded guilty, but Jewish sources insist that three have definitely denied the charges, asserting that they did not engage in any anti-Soviet activities.

The same sources concede the possibility that the fourth defendant, Boris Mafstier, may have broken down under security police interrogation.

In its report of Wednesday's proceedings Tass for the first time hinted that one of the defendants at least, Arkady Shpilberg, has remained defiant. He told the court he was being tried for "his desire to go to Tel Aviv."

In the effort by the Soviet propaganda machine to wrap the trials in a cloak of legality and to establish a "criminal" connection with the others tried, Tass has charged that the four by "their criminal activities created an atmosphere in which plans were conceived" for the alleged hijacking.

As in last week's Leningrad trial, extraordinary measures were taken by the Soviet authorities to ensure that no information about the trial other than the official hand-outs should reach the outside world.

The proceedings are being held in a remote suburb of Riga, Itsmil Gravis, not in the Riga city court. Young Jews who might persist have been arrested and sentenced "administratively" to short terms in prison while the trial lasts. Despite these precautions a group of Jews has been demonstrating peacefully in the city.

The trial of nine Jews which was due to begin in Kishinev last Wednesday has been postponed. Jewish sources think it will be held next week, after the Riga case is disposed of. Three other trials are said to be in preparation.

The Israeli UN representative, Mr Joseph Tokoh, called on the UN Secretary-General on Wednesday to protest against "the show trials of Jews" in the Soviet Union.

Dayan is realistic

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

The Israeli Defence Minister, Mr Moshe Dayan, no longer believes that there is any chance of an interim settlement on the Suez Canal, according to reports of a statement he made on Tuesday night to a closed meeting of the Labour Alliance.

Mr Dayan was also quoted as saying that Sadat would "harden Egypt's line and that the Russians could be expected to step up their assistance, military and otherwise, to the Egyptians."

At the same time, the Americans would go out of their way to avoid a confrontation with the Russians in the Middle East. As a consequence of this the Israelis might find themselves in conflict with the United States.

The Defence Minister was said to have ruled out any solution by force, including Israeli force. Even if the Israelis captured Cairo, he is reported to have said, it would solve nothing.

Tame Panthers

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Stung by allegations that they are "anti-national," the Black Panthers are now calling themselves "Black Panthers — Blue and White." (These are Israel's national colours.)

'Devil is Jews father'

From our Correspondent Johannesburg

"God is the father only of his children, the Christians; non-Christians like Jews, Hindus and heathens, therefore, have the devil as their father."

This, according to Dr N. Lee, a Dutch Reform Church minister, in an article in the latest issue of Die Kerkbode, a Church magazine, is the word of God as taught by his Church.

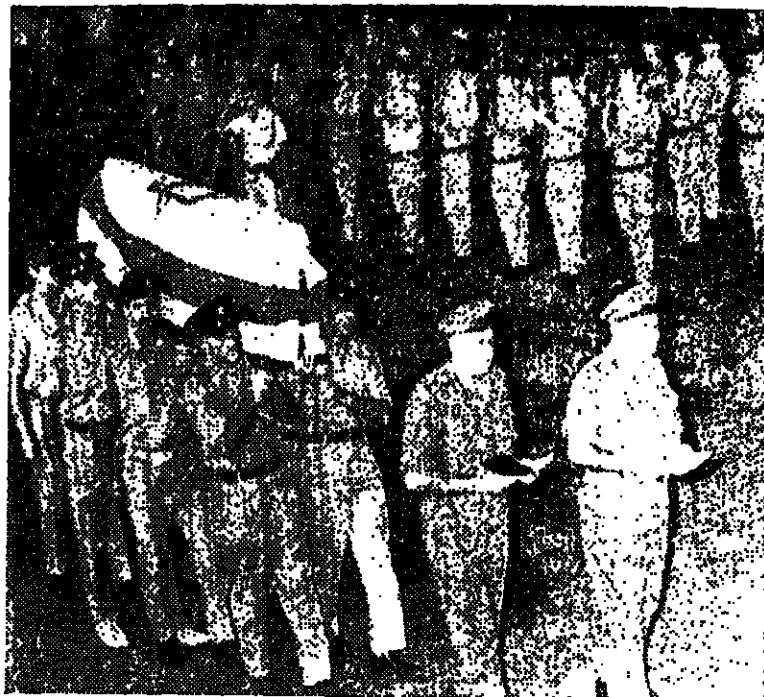
"Many liberals believe," he wrote, "that all men are brothers. But the word of God teaches that only those who believed in Jesus are brothers."

The article has upset many Dutch Reformed clergymen, especially those engaged in trying to convert the Jews.

Dr Chris Botha, minister in East Johannesburg, expressed the view of many of his colleagues when he said: "Dr Lee is a brilliant man but, to say the least, his thesis is offensive to Jews."

Another Johannesburg minister of a congregation established exclusively for immigrants and Jewish converts, said such assertions "make our work extremely difficult."

"It is terrible to cast Jews among the heathens. It is true that in a certain sense God is the Father only of the believers, but in a broad sense he is also the Creator and Father of all men."



Senior Israeli police officers carry Mr Elrom's body past a guard of honour on arrival in Israel from Turkey

Military burial for murdered diplomat

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Mr Ephraim Elrom, Israel's Consul-General in Istanbul, who was killed by his kidnappers on Sunday, was buried with full military honours at the Israeli military cemetery at Kiryat Shaul on Monday morning. A funeral oration was delivered at the graveside by the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr Abba Eban.

Great crowds of foreign diplomats, former colleagues, friends and ordinary people who were horrified by his murder paid their last respects to Mr Elrom before the funeral when the body lay in state at the Tel Aviv office of the Foreign Ministry.

Major-General Shlomo Goren, Chief Rabbi of the Israel Defence Forces, recited prayers over the coffin as senior police officers, former colleagues of Mr Elrom, formed a guard of honour.

When the body of Mr Elrom, who had been shot through the head, his hands tied behind his back, was found in Istanbul early on Sunday morning, the Turkish Prime Minister, Mr Nihat Erim, expressed sorrow "as a Turk and as Prime Minister of Turkey" and sent messages of condolence to Mrs Elrom and the Israeli Prime Minister, Mrs Golda Meir.

"Such a killing is contrary to the Turkish character and Turkish traditions," Mr Erim said. He voiced his determination to bring these responsible to book.

Mrs Meir, expressing her grief, added her Government's appreciation of the efforts made by the Turkish authorities to avert the murder.

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Three Iraqi Jews still in goal

From a Correspondent

The last of some 120 Jews reported early in April to have been arrested have now been released, including Dr Albert 50-year-old medical practitioner. The Abba brothers, Meir and Shimon, who were gaoled in the 1967 Six-Day War, have been freed.

But three Jews remain in custody. One is Mr Shimon Solfer, a 50-year-old businessman in Iraq who was detained in the year. Doubts have been expressed whether he is still alive.

The others are Mr Zaki, 35, who has been in goal for two years and Mr Akram who has been detained for a year.

All three are believed to be in the notorious Rashid known among Iraqis as "Nihaya," or the "False End," where opponents of the Baathist régime are also being detained.

Crossman favoured

By our Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Richard Crossman, Minister of the New Statesman, has urged that Israel should maintain a regular flow of trade with the Arab world.

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Market will hit Israel's exports

From ELI MAISSI—Paris

Pessimism is the prevailing mood in Israeli circles here about the likely British entry into the European Economic Community (Common Market). Although Israel has a trade agreement with the EEC, she has important relations with Britain which could be seriously affected if the United Kingdom and the Irish Republic become members.

This week an Israeli delegation will be in Brussels in what is known as a "mixed committee" to discuss an Israeli memorandum on trade with the Common Market.

The memorandum calls attention to the fact that British entry into the Common Market would seriously affect Israel's trade with Britain.

The delegation is headed by Mr Amichai, head of the Israel Ministry's economic relations with the Common Market.

He told a seminar in the capital last week that the Market was discriminating against Israel by allowing industrial products from other developing countries to be imported free of duty, while duty was levied on Israeli products.

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VIPs at Heathrow on Tuesday when Israel's first Jumbo jet came through London on its delivery flight from Seattle to Tel Aviv. (Left to right): Mr M. Cohen, El Al's vice-president for North America; Mr Shimon Peres, Israeli Minister of Transport; Mr M. Ben Ari, El Al president; Mr Moshe Carmel, chairman, El Al's board; Mr B. Davidi, El Al's first vice-president; Mr M. Turel, company representative for UK; Mr H. Koshner, station manager; Mr G. Matar, deputy UK representative (see report, page 21)

OM for Sir Isaiah

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

The Queen has bestowed the Order of Merit on Professor Sir Isaiah Berlin.

This honour is the personal gift of the Queen and is awarded to outstanding men and women. The Order is limited to 24 members.

Sir Isaiah, who was born in Riga, is the president of Wolfson College, Oxford, and was formerly Chichele professor of social and political philosophy at Oxford University.

Sir Isaiah will be 62 on Sunday. [See Focus, page 10]

800 women on march

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

With torches blazing, over 800 Jewish women in black marched silently through London's West End, across Piccadilly Circus and up Regent Street to the Soviet Embassy on Wednesday night.

They were protesting in the name of the Association of Jewish Women's Organisations, at the secret trials of Jews in Russia.

Led by Mrs Basil Jacobs, chairman of the association, the marchers included Mrs Jakobovits, wife of the Chief Rabbi, and Mrs Gaon, wife of the Haham, as well as the wives of Liberal and Reform ministers. They carried protest banners and pictures of Soviet Jews on trial and in prison camps.

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Israel's hard choice

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Israel may soon be faced with a hard choice between "going it alone" or accepting a bitter compromise over the opening of the Suez Canal. This is the realisation gaining ground among the Israeli Cabinet, following the signing in Cairo last Friday of a 15-year treaty "of friendship and co-operation" between Russia and Egypt.

President Nixon, at a press conference on Tuesday, put the Middle East at the top of the international agenda. He urged the Russians to show military restraint in the area, warning that new large-scale weapons deliveries by them would open a new arms race and sharply increase the danger of war.

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The Israeli Premier, Mrs Meir, said on Wednesday she viewed the treaty "with gravity and alarm."

"President Sadat cannot be expected to be more ready for any peace agreement following signature of the treaty."

The Soviet-Egyptian treaty, after stressing continuing efforts for "a just and lasting peace in the Middle East," undertakes that the parties "will immediately contact each other for the purpose of co-ordinating their positions." If a threat to peace arises, neither party will enter into alliances directed against the other.

As part of continuing "co-operation in the military field" the Soviet Union will train the Egyptian forces and enable them "to master the equipment and weapons" supplied by her.

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Golda's mystery tour

From a Correspondent—Helsinki

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ISRAEL AND MIDDLE EAST

Secret clauses in Cairo treaty

From Geoffrey D. Paul—Jerusalem

Having trained and equipped the Egyptians for defensive warfare, the Russians are now ready to put them on an offensive footing. This is Israel's reading of the clause in the Soviet-Egyptian treaty (signed last week), which commits Moscow to providing Cairo with "the capacity to eliminate the consequences" of Israel's occupation of Sinai. There are believed to be other, secret clauses spelling out the details.

The Russians and Egyptians are also pledged to "concert efforts in the event of a threat to peace," but Israel's evaluation is that the Russians will not engage in combat outside the Egyptian mainland, though they will be ready to throw in their own forces if the threat of war were to carry the Israelis across the Suez Canal.

There are far-reaching implications in the Soviet commitment to continue as Egypt's main arms supplier over the next 15 years. Whatever short- or long-term "arrangements" may be reached along the Canal or elsewhere, Israel will be obliged to keep a watchful eye on the quantity and quality of the Soviet supplies to Cairo.

The prospect is that even in a state of non-aggression—nobody is sanguine enough to believe that there will be an early state of peace—the Egyptians will continue building up their armed strength for the final confrontation the Arabs have been led to expect and that Israel will somehow have to parallel this build-up.

Politically, too, there is uncertainty about America's intentions. The Americans continue to see an interim Canal arrangement as within the bounds of probability and so do the Israelis—but not on Egypt's terms.

While there is a momentary lull in diplomatic activity, this is expected to be broken within the next few weeks, either by a Soviet- and Egyptian-inspired meeting of the Security Council intended to give the UN special Middle East

envoy, Mr. Gunnar Jarring, new instructions, or else by an Egyptian reaffirmation of her terms as final ones.

It is felt here that America is likely to endorse Egypt's position, both to enhance her position and because Mr. William Rogers, the Secretary of State, is personally committed to find a solution.

He made it clear to the Israelis during his visit last month that, as far as he was concerned, Israel was free to accept or reject Egypt's terms. However, the implication was that if she rejected them, she would face the consequences alone.

Within the Israeli Cabinet there is a growing feeling that in July or August, Israel may find herself having to risk going it alone or else accept the inevitability of a bitter compromise along the Canal and later, perhaps, elsewhere.

Mrs. Golda Meir, the Israeli Premier, commenting on the treaty in Stockholm, said it was motivated by "evident fear" by the Soviet Union of a decline in her influence in Egypt. In view of recent events there, the Russians wanted to know "whether what was still is."

Our Washington correspondent writes: The Soviet-Egyptian pact has embarrassed the State Department, coming as it did so soon after Mr. Rogers' Middle East tour. The Department now chooses to refer to the rules of quiet diplomacy again, yet any discussion of the matter makes it difficult not to raise the issue of American miscalculation and even blame.



Two presidents pleased with their day's work: Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Nikolai Podgorny of the Soviet Union who went home from Cairo last week with a treaty of "friendship and co-operation" with Egypt.

'Arab people ready for peace'

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

A senior Israeli official has invited King Hussein to enter into a peace agreement with Israel, secure in the knowledge that, apart from a small minority which has thrown in its lot with the terrorists, almost all the Palestinians want a peaceful solution and want it on the clear understanding that it must be a peace with a sovereign Israel.

In the course of a lecture on developments in the occupied territories, Mr. Moshe Sasson, an assistant director-general at the Foreign Ministry, noted that Arab leaders were afraid to recommend peace with Israel 15 years ago, lest they be set upon by the populace. The situation today had changed totally in this respect, but the difficulty was that certain Arab leaders had not yet caught up with the political maturity of their people.

Without mentioning King Hussein by name, Mr. Sasson, said that

any Arab leader with the courage to enter into a peace agreement with Israel could easily surmount the residual obstacle to peace—Arab objections, in principle, to negotiating peace.

In support of his belief that Amman could now approach a settlement with Israel without fearing a backlash in the West Bank Mr. Sasson said that the crisis of confidence between the inhabitants of the occupied territories and Israel was abating.

There had long been a very large measure of adjustment to the existence of Israel as a State which could not be eliminated. Only a handful still think that there is a military option for solving the conflict. Most neither believe in war nor want it.

The inhabitants of the occupied territories, Mr. Sasson conceded, saw themselves as part of the Arab nation and dismissed any solution which might mean "the creation of an Arab ghetto in a Jewish State."

Labour deal with NRP

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

A "pry-in" planned by religious elements was called off when work on an under-pass beneath the Haifa-Tel Aviv railway line was halted on Saturday, following a deal between the Labour Alignment and the National Religious Party.

The Alignment undertook to halt the work if the NRP, a member of the Government coalition, refrained from tabling its own motion or voting in favour of an Opposition motion attacking the plans for Jerusalem purportedly submitted to the Foreign Ministry by Mr. Meron Benvenisti, the right-hand man of Mr. Teddy Kollek, Jerusalem's Mayor.

Until then, the Labour Minister, Mr. Yosef Almog, had insisted that the vital under-pass could only be constructed on the one day when no trains passed along the line—Saturday.

The Haifa Labour Council issued a statement regretting that Mr. Almog had abandoned Sabbath work on the under-pass in response to religious coercion, pointing out that three people had been killed on the line because of the lack of a crossing point.

Eban messages to African countries

Jewish Chronicle Foreign Staff

"Soviet policy in the East conflict has not been conciliatory but inflammatory. Soviet policy of expansion in the Indian Ocean and the Atlantic (Indian Ocean and the Atlantic) is making a serious threat to the security of the world."

Mr. Abba Eban, the Foreign Minister, said this at a press conference in Nairobi on Friday, a few hours after his arrival in Kenya on the first of a tour of African countries. He is visiting Congo (Kinshasa), Cameroon, Sierra Leone, the Gambia, Liberia and Ghana, meeting their heads of State.

Israel has established good relations with many African countries and helps with the training of some of their military. Mr. Eban said in Nairobi that the Organisation of African States were not helping the Middle East conflict by adopting anti-Israel resolutions.

"This, he said, was 'not an Arab conflict and no one could give its support to a negotiated peace, not the use of force'."

'War not imminent'

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Israelis, on the whole, appear reasonably confident, as the fourth anniversary of the Six Day War approaches, that another round in their war with the Arab countries is not imminent. This emerges from a nationwide poll conducted by Mr. Haimel E. Gill, the director of Public Opinion Research at Israel Ltd. (P.O.R.).

Although there is no formal peace treaty, 40 per cent of Israelis believe that the informal ceasefire along the Suez Canal will continue for another year at least.

But 27 per cent said that they expected hostilities on the Canal front to resume this year, while another 18 per cent said that hostilities "might" break out this year. The remaining 15 per cent expressed no opinion.

Terrorists at loggerheads

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

The Jordan Government reports a serious conflict within the ranks of the extremist Left-wing Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (which carried out the series of spectacular hijackings last year) with the rival factions' arrestees each other's members.

The dispute, the Government says, is between the "international" wing led by Hashim Ali Mohamud an Iraqi, and the "national" wing headed by Fayez Jabari.

The Government has also been playing down terrorist reports of renewed fighting in the country. It said the terrorists were trying to provoke the authorities into a fight.

This was a plot, with the collaboration of certain Arab States, aimed at overthrowing King Hussein and forming a Palestine State. Reports (so far unconfirmed) suggest that Yasser Arafat, the leader of El Fatah, the largest terrorist group, has been ousted from overall leadership of the "Palestinian" groups.

J.C. Appointments

Mr. Joseph Finkelstein has been appointed Foreign Editor in succession to Mr. Michael Wilentz. Mr. Wilentz has been appointed Editor with responsibility for home affairs.

Mr. Melvin Weinberg has been appointed News Editor in succession to Mr. David Best who has retired.

Amnesty renews charges

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Amnesty International has renewed its demand for an international commission to inquire into the treatment of prisoners in occupied territories, in a letter to Mrs. Golda Meir, the Prime Minister, in Stockholm last Friday.

Amnesty's Swedish branch said that no action had been taken "illustrating the lack of realism

of the Israeli officials."

Mr. Einar Amnesti, the Swedish branch's secretary, said that Amnesty was "very anxious about a sick man, Naim el Ashab, who has been held for more than two years without prosecution or sentence."

He referred to Amnesty International's report of April, 1970, which said that witnesses "have described the form, place and nature of committed tortures. In some cases, the torturers have been photographed, medical certificates are also available."

Amnesty said that it was sending this report, Amnesti said, to the Israeli government to give a conduct to El Ashab to come to Israel to submit to a trial.

Amnesti said that the report was based on statements made in Jordan by El Fatah fighters released from Israeli

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207 Israelis adopt Islam

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

In 1970, 207 Israelis were converted to Islam, most of them Jewish girls who had married Moslems.

Disclosing the figure in the Knesset on Monday, Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, the Minister for Religious Affairs, who was speaking in a debate on his Ministry, said that 184 of the conversions took place in Jaffa.

He denounced the extreme violence of some criticism of the rabbinic and said that the increasing transgression of religious law in Israel was responsible for the alarming increase in the number of divorces during the past year.

Dr. Warhaftig said that there had been 2,319 divorces last year and more than 4,000 were still pending. He confirmed that the country's religious courts had been ordered to speed up conversions to Judaism, mainly for immigrants from countries where there were no hotel

in addition to the two successful residential Hebrew courses already held at religious kibbutzim for the non-Jewish spouses of newcomers, a permanent absorption centre was being established where they would be prepared for conversion, Dr. Warhaftig stated.

So far this year, he added, hotel din had heard 587 requests for conversion to Judaism. A further 63 were pending.

Messages from Greek leader re assures

From our Correspondent—Athens

General Stylianos Pattakos, Greece's Deputy Prime Minister, said in a recent interview that there was no reason for any particular reaction by Israel to his goodwill visits to Cairo and the Libyan capital of Tripoli.

"Mr. Yehuda Goulan, the Israeli Representative in Athens," he declared, "could not but regard Greece's effort for peace as constructive."

On the Israeli-Arab dispute, General Pattakos said that Greece was interested in the restoration of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

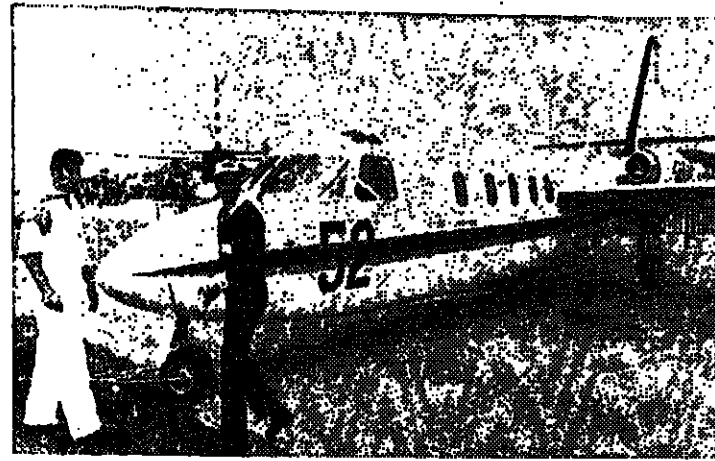
Higher courses for foreigners

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Twenty-seven post-graduates from 14 countries in Africa, Latin America, Europe, and from Israel have registered for a one-year course in comprehensive regional development planning at the Settlement Study Centre in Rehovot.

The centre is one of the few institutions in the world offering a study programme of this nature and, as such, has United Nations recognition.

Fellowships for the students have been granted by UN agencies, the Swedish International Development Agency and the Israeli Foreign Ministry's international co-operation division.



The Israeli-made Jet Commadore which has made a hit at the Paris air show together with another Israeli-made aircraft, the Arava.

Israel scores hit at air show

From our Correspondent—Paris

There is widespread interest in the two aircraft entirely produced in Israel on display at the Paris airshow which opened at Le Bourget last week.

The crowd has warmly applauded the several daily flights over the airfield of the Arava and Jet Commadore. Both aircraft, made by Israeli Aircraft Industries (IAI), flew to Paris from Lydda.

Passing the Israeli stand at the inauguration, President Pompidou said in reply to the welcome of Mr. Asher Ben-Natan, the Israeli Ambassador: "How nice, you are producing your own aircraft now."

The Arava, which was conceived in Israel, is particularly remarkable for its short landing and take-off requirements of between 130 and 160 yards even without a landing strip.

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Mr. Ben-Natan entertained many personalities of the French and foreign aircraft industries at a reception at his home, and IAI sources report very great interest in both aircraft.

Chief conductor

From our Correspondent—Frankfurt

Mr. Eliahu Inbal, the 35-year-old Israeli conductor, has been appointed chief conductor of the Hesse radio symphony orchestra here, from September 1, 1974.

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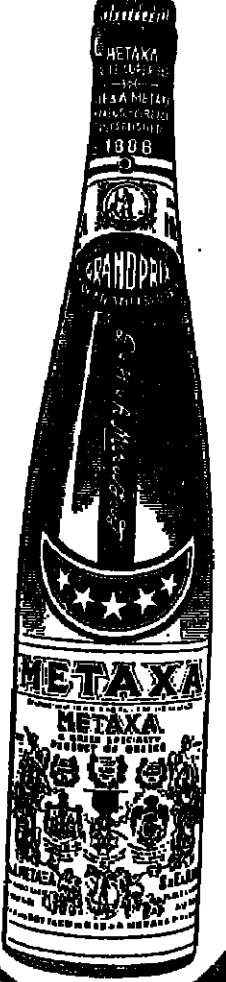
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OVERSEAS NEWS

Soviet liberals plead for Jewish rights

From our Special Correspondent on East European Affairs

The three founders of the Human Rights Committee in the Soviet Union have written to the presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet (Parliament) with a plea for the pardon of Soviet Jews sentenced in Riga and in the two trials in Leningrad. The letter also asks that no proceedings should be taken against the Jews awaiting trial in Kishinev and elsewhere in Russia.

The main part of the letter containing the appeal was signed by Professor Valery Chalidze, Professor Andrei Sakharov, a member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, and Professor Andrei Tyvorkhleb signed a postscript endorsing the contents of the letter. The letter was sent to the Supreme Soviet on May 20.

A copy of it was brought to London by a Riga Jew en route to Israel from Moscow, Mr Yuri Kogan. In the letter, the three signatories stated that the reason for the trials in Leningrad and Riga were the persistent efforts to obtain

exit permits for Israel by the Jews concerned.

Since such activities were not regarded as anti-Soviet in other instances, the Jews already sentenced should be pardoned, pending proceedings dropped and Jews at present under detention released, the letter urged, adding that they should all be allowed to leave for Israel.

Professor Chalidze wrote: "... Official propaganda is spreading unkind and baseless reports about the ideas of repatriation (to Israel) and Zionism.

"The press is presenting Zionism as a reactionary, practically a fascist, political trend.

"In fact, however, Zionism is no more than the idea of Jewish statehood, and one can only admire the stubbornness of this ancient and persecuted people, which has revived, in very difficult conditions, a State which disappeared long ago.

"Zionism is depicted in the press as an anti-Soviet and anti-Communist trend, while in fact, the concern of Zionism is specifically national.

Describing the charges in the two Leningrad trials as "nonsensical," the letter continued:

"Even more nonsensical is the argument that those citizens of the Soviet Union who wish to be repatriated have a consciously unkind attitude towards the Soviet régime... They have one aim — to go to Israel.

"The principle of non-interference in internal affairs is so carefully observed by them that the repatriates are sometimes accused of egoism by those concerned with the defence of civil rights in our country."

On the other hand, the letter stated, there had been some change in official policy concerning the issue of exit permits, "in the sense that now, Jews who want to leave can hope, in principle, that if they display sufficient stubbornness they will obtain an exit permit."

Poet reaches Israel on stretcher

From our Special Correspondent on East European Affairs

Boris Gaponov, an outstanding Hebrew poet, was among a group of Soviet Jewish immigrants who arrived in Israel last Friday. The 36-year-old poet, who has meningitis, was carried off the aircraft on a stretcher and taken straight to hospital.

On Monday an Israeli neurologist cabled Soviet doctors in Leningrad for his medical history. Another writer to arrive with the group was Zalman Dubnov.

The newcomers said that the Soviet authorities were using various pretexts to delay the departure of Jews granted exit permits for Israel. In Lithuania, where many Jews had applied for exit permits, the authorities had told prospective emigrants that there was no room on any aircraft.

The Soviet authorities did not allow Mr Gaponov to take his manuscript with him, the poet's mother told journalists at Lydda airport. They include Hebrew translations of more than 100 poems by Mikhail Lermontov, who

was one of Russia's greatest poets. Boris Gaponov, the son of a non-Jewish Russian father (killed in the Second World War), and a Jewish mother, was born in the Crimea. His mother took him to Georgia during the war, where he was taught Hebrew by his maternal grandfather, a Chabad Chasid. Achieving a surprising mastery of Hebrew, he created one of the great masterpieces of modern Hebrew poetry, a translation of the twelfth-century Georgian classic "The Knight in Panther's Skin," by Shota Rustaveli. For this he was awarded the Tchernichovsky Prize, Israel's main prize for Hebrew translation. Despite his remarkable achievement, Gaponov was never accepted into the Soviet literary establishment and was not made a member of the Soviet Writers' Union. His translation was praised by Georgianna language newspapers and the Moscow Yiddish monthly, Sovetskii Heimland, but ignored by the rest of the Soviet press.



Juliana says 'Thank you' in Hebrew

From our Correspondent Amsterdam

A telegram of appreciation written in Hebrew has been sent to Israel by Queen Juliana of Holland to mark the inauguration of the forest planted in the Nazareth hills in memory of her mother, the late Queen Wilhelmina.

Queen Juliana's telegram, sent to Mr Yacov Tsur, the chairman of the Jewish National Fund, expressed her gratitude "for the honour sacred to my mother's memory. It is my ardent hope," she said, "that these young fir trees will grow in peace, the way my mother would have wished."

Queen Juliana, Princess Beatrix, her heir, and Prince Claus, her son-in-law, bought trees for the forest, and the inauguration in Israel was attended by Mr J. van den Hoeven, the Queen's secretary.

Women's first meeting in Europe

From a Correspondent

"Facing ourselves as Jew" was the theme of the first European conference of the International Council of Jewish Women, which was held here last week.

Delegates came from Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, Sweden and Switzerland, with observers from Austria, Portugal and Yugoslavia.

The president of the national council, Mrs Sarah Harell, spoke on the relevance of Judaism to modern life.

Following an appeal by her hand on behalf of Mrs Harell, who is in a Soviet awaiting trial, the conference passed a resolution to the Ambassador to Switzerland pressing "deep distress" at sentences imposed on Soviet Jews in the current trials and that all Jews who wished to leave the Soviet Union should be allowed to do so.

The British delegation conference was led by Mrs Draynis, chairman of the joint committee of the League of Jewish Women.

Encyclopedia launched

From our Correspondent

"Sefer Hachochim," the volume of what is projected as the Chasidic encyclopedia, has been published in Hebrew by Kehot Publications, the publisher of the Lubavitch movement, in-law, bought trees for the forest, and the inauguration in Israel was attended by Mr J. van den Hoeven, the Queen's secretary.

The encyclopedia, the first of its kind, will deal with all aspects of Chasidic-Lubavitch philosophy.

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HOME NEWS

Protests at Marx's Highgate tomb

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Protesters protesting against the persecution of Jews in the Soviet Union confronted a party of Russian tourists visiting Marx's tomb at Highgate Cemetery on Tuesday.

The demonstrators displayed placards demanding an end to the trials and arrest of Jews in the Soviet Union. They told the Russians that Karl Marx was also Jewish.

"Were he living in the Soviet Union now, he would be regarded as a second class citizen like the other Jews," the demonstrators declared in English and Russian.

Demanding that Soviet Jews should be allowed to leave the Soviet Union and settle in Israel if they wished to do so, the demonstrators pointed out that Marx was allowed to be buried where he wished.

The demonstration, university students and Jewish housewives who have espoused the cause of Jewish women imprisoned in Russia, also distributed leaflets among the tourists.

Most of the Russians tried to ignore the demonstrators by marching steadily into the cemetery, but a student later claimed that a Russian had grabbed his hand and tried to scratch him when he offered him a leaflet.

The Russian women members of a party of more than 700 tourists who arrived in the cruise ship Shola Huseynov for a three day visit on Monday.

A further demonstration was held outside the cemetery by the women on Wednesday. They carried banners in Russian as well as English.

Members of the women's group will demonstrate at the Book Bang in Bedford Square, London, on Monday afternoon.



Demonstrators with banners greet Russian tourists at Highgate Cemetery

New acting head of Carmel

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Following the resignation of Mr Joshua Gabay, Carmel College now has its first non-Jew at the head of its teaching staff. He is Mr R. Lewis Evans, who has taken over for the rest of the present academic year.

Mr Evans, aged 32, has been head of the college's mathematics department for 17 years and a senior master for three years.

Rabbi Jeremy Rosen, whose controversial appointment as headmaster had been opposed by a number of students and parents, will take up the post in September.

Mr Gabay, who had been acting headmaster since the retirement of Mr David Stambler last September, resigned shortly after the appointment of Rabbi Rosen. Mr Gabay has also refused the governors' offer to become assistant headmaster to Rabbi Rosen.

A parents' association is expected to be set up when many parents attend the college's speech day on June 16.

Changes at Embassy

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Yet another of Israel's Ambassadors to black Africa is joining the staff of her Embassy in London.

He is Mr Matityahu Dagan, who for the past few years has been Ambassador to Zambia as well as non-resident envoy to Botswana and Swaziland, the former two British protectorates on the borders of South Africa.

The present Minister at the embassy, Mr Eytan Ruppin, was likewise an Ambassador—to Senegal and Malagasy (formerly Madagascar) before his arrival here.

Another member of the embassy who is soon to return to Israel is Mr Yehuda Taggar, counsellor for Arab affairs. An Iraqi by origin, he was sentenced to a long term of imprisonment for the organisation of illegal emigration to Israel before he himself was able to leave his native land.

Mr Taggar is being replaced by another expert on the Middle East, 30-year-old Mr Oded Eran, a graduate in oriental studies and political science at the Hebrew University.

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Fidler attacked by Zionist president

From our Correspondent—Manchester

A scathing attack on the Board of Deputies president, Alderman Michael Fidler, MP, for "failing to give a lead in the Soviet Jewry issue," was made by Mr Ralph de Groot, president of the Manchester Zionist Central Council, last week.

Mr de Groot claimed that Alderman Fidler was "too concerned at looking over his shoulder..."

Shechita saved in Birmingham

From our Correspondent

Shechita in Birmingham will probably be able to continue for some time yet.

The Birmingham city council had decided to look again at a scheme under which it was proposed to demolish the present meat abattoir in the city. As was reported in the Jewish Chronicle last November it had been decided not to replace it with a new abattoir. The general community would have been provided with meat slaughtered within easy reach of Birmingham, but the scheme could have forced the imminent closure of shechita in Birmingham.

Refugee appeal

Birmingham's Central British Fund committee launched its 1971 appeal fund and £4,500 was raised. Dr Akiva Kohane, of the American Joint Distribution Committee, addressed the meeting on the condition of Jews in European countries.

New head

The new Chendle Jewish Day School, which opens in September, has appointed a headmaster. He is Leeds-born Mr Paul Fidler, aged 32, who is at present deputy headmaster of a primary school in Leeds and has also taught at the King David Schools in Manchester.

Sunderland's new minister



Rabbi M. L. Cofnas, minister of the Piner Synagogue, Middlesex, has accepted a "call" to be minister of the Sunderland Hebrew Congregation.

Aged 27, Rabbi Cofnas is the son of Rabbi and Mrs J. Cofnas, of Birmingham. He has occupied his present position for the past five years. After completing his secular education in Birmingham he studied at the Gateshead Yeshiva, where he gained semicha.

Ajex outing

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of both Ajex and the British Legion, the Southport branch of Ajex took 350 blind, disabled men, women and children from 16 homes round Southport for their annual outing.

The cavalcade of six coaches and 40 cars was given a police escort to Liverpool, where the party embarked for a trip on the Mersey.

Glasgow freedom for Sir Isaac

Glasgow-born and educated, Sir Isaac Wolfson returned to his native city last week to receive its greatest honour, the Freedom of Glasgow, in a ceremony attended by many distinguished guests in the banquet hall of the city chambers.

Sir Isaac was presented with a traditional silver casket by Lord Provost Sir Donald Liddle and the terms of the "freedom ticket" were read out by Mr James Falconer, the town clerk. He said the honour was being conferred in recognition of Sir Isaac's "outstanding achievement in the commercial world and the opportunities which those have provided for employment, of the un-

Three women magistrates in Newcastle

From our Correspondent

Three Newcastle women have just been appointed Justices of the Peace for Gosforth Northumberland.

Mrs Sylvia Mineoff is the wife of a well-known Newcastle solicitor, Mr Harry Mineoff. She is an ardent Zionist and is at present captain of the local Jewish Women's Week effort and an executive committee member of Newcastle Wiza.

Israel-born Mrs Edna V. Maier lived in the Jewish State until she was aged eleven, when she went to America. She came to Newcastle in 1958 and after her marriage to Mr Werner Maier she attended Durham University, where she obtained a BA degree in social studies. She worked for the Northumberland county children's department as a child-care officer.

Mrs Bertha Vreder, the wife of a general practitioner, has for several years been the treasurer of the Newcastle Daughters of Zion. She was for more than 12 years president of the local women's branch of the British Legion.

Jersey

Jersey Wizo held a Blue and White dinner and cabaret at the Hotel de France last week and £320 was raised for Israel.

Plymouth

A bring-and-buy tea was given jointly by Mrs J. Cohen and Mrs I. Gordon at the home of Mrs Cohen and £31 was raised for the Plymouth Ladies' Mizrahi Society.

Portsmouth

At a concert given by the Brighton Rinnah Choir in Southsea the Portsmouth Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society raised £100 for the Joint Palestine Appeal.

Sheffield

A coffee morning, held at the home of Mr and Mrs N. Jeffrey, raised £80 for Sheffield Wizo.

Southend

Lady Dorothy McAdden, the wife of Sir Stephen McAdden, MP for Southend East, was the guest of honour at a garden party held at the home of Mrs Franka King when £25 was raised for Jewish Women's Week.

St. Annes

St. Annes Wizo held their annual spring luncheon at the Duneside Hotel at the invitation of Mr and Mrs Leslie Gee and raised £200 for Israel. The guest speaker was Miss Myrle Cohen, QC, and the speaker was Mrs S. Meek.

JERUSALEM — 23 years of ruinous neglect by the Jordanians the old synagogues of the Quarter of Jerusalem are being restored to their former glory by the Sephardi community.

stinted practical and financial aid given by him to charitable, educational and scientific bodies, of his deep sense of social responsibility and his... and of his many actions and attainments have brought benefit and distinction to Glasgow.

Sir Isaac said he felt honoured by his personal success, to his Scottish birth and heritage.

At a banquet held by the Glasgow Jewish Representative Council to honour Sir Isaac on the occasion and witness more than 300 guests, Dr J. Miller, honorary president of the council, said that the banquet of those who received the Freedom of the City had joined by a man of humble origin, proud of his heritage.

Other speakers were Lord Provost Sir Donald Liddle, Lord Tunkel, vice-president of the representative Council, Mr Wolfson, its secretary, Mr Charles Wilson, principal of Glasgow University.

A Golden Book of Merit was presented to Sir Isaac by Mr Harry Crivan, president of the Glasgow Jewish Representative Council. It was a record of his many achievements in the world (which now works in the Jewish Community Centre in London), his life with the sound of a guide through the quarter.

Mr Eliahu, the elder of the Sephardi community, remembers his well.

At their head lies the Rabbi Yohanan Ben Zakai Synagogue, believed to be on the site of the first-century yeshiva directed by that famous sage and, Mr Eliahu insists, antedating anything the Ashkenazim can produce.

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the four synagogues, a mini-

Man from Nazareth

Abdul Aziz Zuabi, the first to be appointed a Deputy Minister in the Israeli Government, born in Nazareth and like most of the Arabs he is a Moslem. He is a moderate Socialist, the most acceptable position in Arab society not only in Israel. As a Zuabi, he is also a member of one of the largest and most respected Moslem clans in the Middle East.

The Zuabi clan in Galilee numbers some 5,000 and there are 10 more Zuabis in Syria and Iraq, some of them members of Governments of those two countries. The clan is among the oldest of Islamic society.

Abdul Aziz Zuabi After the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, it became necessary to set up a special department to administer abandoned Arab property, and Mr Zuabi was transferred to it. For five years he was the secretary of the Civil Servants' Union in his home town.

In the mid-1960s, the young official joined Mapam, and in 1969 he gave up his job to devote himself to party work. At first, he headed the department producing books for Israeli Arabs. He then went on to edit the Mapam weekly and to represent the party in the Knesset (Labour Federation). He also became Deputy Mayor of Nazareth and, some four months later, Mayor.

Six years ago he was elected to

Restoring the Old City



Jerusalem synagogues before and after restoration work

ture city for prayer, are linked with each other both physically and historically.

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their height should challenge the dominance of the surrounding mosques.

To the ever-adaptable Jew, the Moslem ordinance became not a restriction but a way of symbolising in stone the Psalmist's phrase: "Out of the depths I called unto the Lord..."

From the Ben-Zakai synagogue, with its unusual double Ark (a reminder of its former magnificence -- one Ark did not suffice to house all its shofar Torah), the visitor can stroll into any of the other three, and through generations of tradition and architecture.

Under the lowering dome of the Stamboul Synagogue are wall-encrusted with decorative medallions and calligraphic inscriptions, their remains sought painstakingly and the ruination wrought by

way into the synagogue of Elijah the Prophet, so-called because tradition has it that here the prophet emerged from a cave (still venerated) to help complete a minyan when only nine were gathered for prayer.

This is the one synagogue which, although its furnishings and ritual art were pillaged after the fall of Jerusalem to the Arabs in 1048, was not physically destroyed. Fortunately, the Moslems, too, revere the memory of Elijah.

Within the synagogue complex there is another cave, a deep, vaulted place of darkness and damp but, once, centuries ago, alive with colour and thick with mysteries.

This was the gathering place of Jerusalem Cabalists, remote from the noise of the streets or the light of day, a place where a man could confront the forces of being without distraction.

Soon, all four synagogues will again be reopened for worship for all Jews. The entire cost of the restoration work has been borne by a fund headed by Mrs James de Rothschild. Now the search is on for ritual objects to complete the work of love -- silver Torah, candelabra, minotim, parochet and so on.

Mr Eliahu and his colleagues are looking for the old and the beautiful, even pieces of historic value which will take on a new lease of life and meaning in the restored synagogues. Appeals are being made to ancient Sephardi communities all over the world to contribute part of their treasures and, in this way, to help rekindle the glory of this magnificent inheritance.

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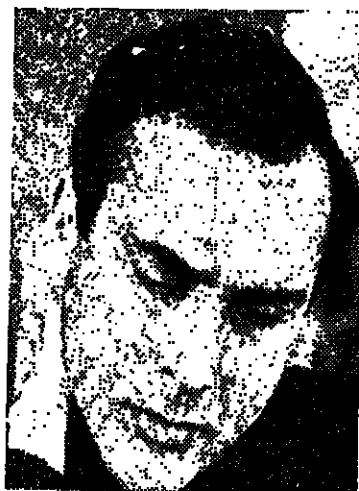
Arts & Entertainments

Pinter's parallel world

DAVID NATHAN

There are three people in a room in Harold Pinter's new play *Old Times*, a Royal Shakespeare Company presentation, at the Aldwych Theatre. Two of them, a husband, Decey (Colin Blakely), his wife Kate (Dorothy Tutin) talk about the visitor they are expecting. Another woman stands motionless by the window, her back to them.

The visitor is Anna (Vivien Merchant), Kate's best—only—friend with whom, 20 years ago, she shared a flat in London. Kate recalls that Anna, at times, stole her underwear.



Harold Pinter

at her underwear? In one brilliantly funny scene they exchange song titles and phrases from lyrics that trigger instant nostalgia.

"There are some things one remembers even though they may never have happened," observes Anna. It is a key phrase.

Pinter's people, in John Bury's brilliant set, under Peter Hall's minutely detailed direction, in the enigmatic performances of the three actors, live parallel lives in another dimension, a reflection of ordinary life slightly distorted.

The distortion comes mainly through language. There are grave pauses which preface simple statements of the obvious such as when the man points to two beds and says, "These are beds."

Anna uses odd metaphors which are noted as odd by the furrowing of Decey's brow and then allowed to pass with a fragment of comment.

A symbolic death at the end imprints a question mark. The relationship between husband and wife has changed subtly. More happens to Pinter's people in 100 minutes than to other people in

longer plays or in life itself. It is a condensation of experience.

At Stratford, the same company in its Shakespearean hat—though for this production the style is Regency—create an enchanting evening out of *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Ronald Eyre's uncluttered direction brings out the best in both the play and Elizabeth Spriggs who plays Beatrice. It is time to celebrate Miss Spriggs. She is a mature lady who, things being the way they are even in highly cultured circles, is no attention-grabbing star. Younger, prettier and lesser actresses have attracted more notice. But Miss Spriggs has done some splendid things in her time and her Beatrice is among them.

She brings to the role the sunniness of a spinster who has become cheerfully reconciled to her state.

Her sharp tongue is a defence against the vulnerability caused by the combination of a loving heart and what she believes is a plain face. It is a performance that is touching, funny and very warm and human.

Derek Godfrey's Benedick is a bluff, honest soldier no match in wit and a worthy match in everything else.

At the Open Space Theatre, Charles Marowitz has fashioned a new Oscar Wilde play out of an essay Wilde wrote in dialogue form on "The Critic as Artist." Timothy West as Oscar (here called Gilbert) performs prodigies of epigrammatic elegance in rebutting the Aunt Sally opinions offered up by Peter Davies as Lord Alfred Douglas (here called Ernest).

It is a witty, lucid and perceptive acknowledgement of the value of the critic, and a subtle indication by Mr Marowitz that the whole sparkling display is mounted by the older man for the sole purpose of impressing and seducing the younger.

Intrigue in Bavaria

PAMELA MELNIKOFF

Into the brilliantly coloured landscape of Bavaria a young man comes cycling. He looks like a blond cherub, but he is evil. Life among the Van Truistons, the impoverished noble family who own the local castle, will never be the same again.

"Black Flowers for the Bride" (X, Carlton) is a comedy as black as the blooms in the nuptial bouquet. The cunning, smiling Conrad (played with sinister charm by Michael York) has only one objective. He means to take over the castle, and to achieve his aim indulges in seduction and adultery and arranges an un-necessary marriage and several rather more necessary murders. But he finds there is one person in the castle more subtle than himself.

Angela Lansbury is splendid as the eccentric Countess who owns the castle, and there is a delightful performance by Jane Carr as her gauche, impish teenage daughter. I enjoyed it all hugely.

"I Love My Wife" (X, Odson, St. Martin's Lane) has as its randy hero (played with his customary dejected look by Elliot Gould) a leading Los Angeles surgeon. This stringently American comedy is the story of a crumbling marriage. At first the newlyweds are blissfully happy; then, after the birth of their first baby, the wife grows fat and apathetic and takes to wearing curlers; her mother moves in with them, and our hero resorts more and more to working late at hospital.

A slick and polished piece of work, the film is often funny but ultimately depressing. Mr Gould is eminently kickable as the doctor whose manners are more in evidence in bed than at the bedside, and newcomer Angel Tompkins, as the other woman who finally breaks up his marriage, looks like a steely-eyed Sinbad York. The highlight

Edward Downes, producer and conductor, have worked imaginatively on a task which is, I fear, foredoomed.

In "The Rising of the Moon" (first produced at Glyndebourne last year, and now revived) the Irish are resisting the English military occupation—a contest not without irony overtones today. The English soldiers, with a Prussian major attached, pursue their ritual occupations. A newly joined young officer is given the assignment of a triple seduction in one night—which, as a colleague of mine remarked, lends a new meaning to the term "a three act opera."

Nicholas Maw and his librettist, Beverly Cross, have created a comedy of a fundamentally old-fashioned kind, with old-fashioned operatic conventions to match. The characters freely sail on for the audience's benefit, or fail to hear

each other though within feet' distance. It all works reasonably well, though when the once responded so positively to deliberately banal regiments I was unreasonably reminded of "wrong" reaction in Berlin. Seattle's patch of paradise.

Myer Friedman conducted the opera with much muted falls to make the work enough. Still, there are a few light comic characters, especially Richard van Allan, mandarin officer and Penelope's Prussian—and a delirious scene with a delirious scene by Colin Graham and scenery by Osbert Lancaster.

The sum of £8,500 was raised last week's Festival Hall concert. The money will be used to buy electronic machinery for OIRT Technical College in Salem.

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ART

Where the women turn to water

PETER STONE

Not till 17 years after his death that admirably enjoyable, in fact, most human, and historically important French sculptor, Auguste Rodin, having his first retrospective London show—at Hayward Gallery.

Eighty-three bronzes (none of more than ten inches high) were specially designed for sculpture to illustrate how he accepted and used them in the terraces that were his own contribution built quite normally upon the female human body and the waves of the sea.

The nude which the Tate recently acquired is a worthy example of the Musée d'Art Moderne in Paris, to which they were given after his death. Even his own contribution built quite normally upon the female human body and the waves of the sea.

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pared with him and with Munch, ten years his junior; mainly, I think, because like them he was a pioneer of expressionist technique. This is the only possible comparison, for he had none of their angst (though his circumstances warranted it). He did a series of battlepieces for competitions and many mountain landscapes that have been highly praised and certainly have the essential feeling for space that they demand. But how trite

Clown jewels



A nine-inch-high clown made out of sterling silver, gold, diamonds, emeralds and pearls and with a large cultured black pearl for its nose, has been donated to the Variety Club of Great Britain for auction.

The clown, sculpted by Hulton Garden Jeweller George Wehl, was donated by the artist and Jean Hulton, and will be auctioned at the Arcler Gallery on June 28, opening day of Mr Wehl's second London exhibition at the Galleries Jean Hulton, Old Bond Street, London.

It is expected that the clown will raise more than £4,500. It will be on display in the foyer of the Dorchester Hotel at the Variety Club Ladies' Luncheon there on Tuesday—protected by two Grenadier guardsmen.

TELEVISION

Awful prodigies

BENNY GREEN

There turned up on BBC 2 last night one of those rare programmes which, because it happened to relate to my own past, had an impact out of all proportion to its merit. The programme concerned the macabre feats of a Japanese violin teacher called Dr Suzuki.

The two great contributions to the culture of nations are (1) his decision that one thousand children should play the same composition simultaneously must be a thousand times more beautiful than only one child playing it alone and (2) that if you try hard enough, there is no telling how utterly you can destroy the private world of a small child.

Yehudi Menuhin must be commended on politely dissociating himself from the Suzuki method and what we ought to be concerned with is the effect this programme might have on thousands of non-musical parents of small children. To some of them a Suzuki child might seem more desirable than a normal one.

To these supporters of battery-culture, I can only say that if they adopt the Suzuki methods and their child becomes a world-famous violinist who masters enormous, enormous fees and makes his parents to the point of weeping, it serves them right.

What I was what I relate to my own unsound child, one who was urged to make his way to music by his own time, that is to say, when I was old enough to understand it. My father knows a trick with ten of Dr Suzuki's.

Look out for...

The BBC 1 two-hour inquiry, "America on Trial" Sunday, June 6, or on the same night, Anglia TV's "Man and Boy," a Terence Rattigan play starring Telly Savalas, Gayle Hunnicutt and Liz Fraser.

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Hamlet hampered

ARTHUR JACOBS

Overwhelmingly, the world of opera is the world of the past. The box-office votes conservative. But with Humphrey Searle's "Hamlet," at Covent Garden, and Nicholas Maw's "The Rising of the Moon," at Glyndebourne, two boldly conceived new British operas are given excellent casts and splendid staging.

"The Rising of the Moon" is a romantic comedy; no need to give a label to "Hamlet" which is a literal, though abbreviated, setting of Shakespeare's play. In this very choice of text Searle has totally handicapped himself.

At Covent Garden the impact of the play itself is so strong that the music hardly ever becomes more than mere background—in an

abrasive idiom accomplishing little. In the episode of the play-within-a-play, however, Searle drops his own Schoenberg-like idiom and writes a kind of pastiche mid-nineteenth-century music. When I saw the premiere of this opera at Hamburg three years ago, the audience gave ironic applause to this part of the opera and showed hostility to the rest. Covent Garden's audience is more polite—and has a better performance to divert it.

Ronald Dowd is now convincingly strong as Claudius (much more so than when he sang the same part, in German, at Hamburg), with Donald Rutherford a sympathetic Hamlet and Patricia Johnson a properly dominant Gertrude. Donald McWhinnie and

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For Rumania's nearly 100,000 Jews, the recent past holds many tragic memories. Thirty years have passed since the Iron Guard pogrom in Bucharest and the Jassy massacre.

This month it will also be 27 years since the Jews of north Transylvania were deported to concentration camps.

In the twentieth century, a third of the Jewish population of Rumania were martyred. While older people recall with horror the nightmare of those days and nights, the younger generation, who have grown up in completely different socio-political conditions, wonder how it could all have been possible.

The answer lies in one word, a word of sinister resonance: fascism. In the years between the two world wars, fascists in Rumania wore green shirts and called themselves the Iron Guard, the Legionaries. In the 'thirties and 'forties the legionaries were the Nazis' fifth column. They were used by their Berlin masters to weaken the resistance of the Rumanian people and antisemitism was one of the means they employed.

The first act of Rumanian Jewry's tragedy was played out in Bucharest in the icy winter days of January 21-23, 1941. With the aim of taking over the State, the Legionaries, with equipment and backing from the German embassy organised a rebellion against General Antonescu, with whom they had ruled until then.

Within a few hours, Bucharest was ravaged by looting, destruction and crime. The bestiality of the Legionaries culminated in planned acts of violence against the Jews of Văcărești, Budești, and other Jewish centres. Even today, after 30 years, those who remember still shudder with horror as they recall how Jews were beaten, tortured and shot, with the cries of the victims echoing

in the streets.

At the same time, gangs of Legionaries plundered, set on fire and destroyed synagogues, such as the Spanish Synagogue in Negru Voda street; the Podul Mogosania Synagogue; the Fraternal Synagogue; the Great Synagogue; the Mosilor Street Synagogue and many others.

When they forced their way into the Choral Synagogue—the main sanctuary of Bucharest Jewry—the Legionaries found it

crowded with worshippers at prayer. They dragged the reader, Ozias Kopstlick, from the Bima and he died as a martyr as did a choir-boy, Andrei Klein, and four other Jews. More than 120 Jews, among them old people and children under fifteen, died for the sanctification of the Holy Name in the days of the pogrom of 1941.

Terrible as this was, it was surpassed in horror a few months later, when the Jews of Jassy were massacred. In January, in Bucharest, the Legionaries used pistols and knives; in June in Jassy, they used machine-guns. This time, there were not hundreds but thousands of dead. In that bloody June of 1941, more than 11,000 people lost their lives.

The pavements of the old town ran with blood and piles of corpses covered the streets. Thousands more Jews were pressed into cattle wagons and taken on a ghastly journey for days and nights, without water, or food, or even air, and most of them died.

The Jews of Rumania, deeply aware of this tragedy, have learnt a bitter lesson from history. The teachings of the past forces vigilance upon them and obliges them never to forget the deadly danger which fascism represents, whatever form it takes.

Mr VICTOR RUSSU, editor of the Rumanian Jewish fortnightly, *Revista Culturala Mozaic*, recalls the tragic fate of the more than a quarter of a million Jews who were destroyed by the Nazis and their fascist allies of the Iron Guard during the Second World War

in the Legionary headquarters.

Those who survived the first wave of terror were crowded into lorries, transported to forests near Bucharest, and shot. Among them were the two sons of Rabbi Guttman, who died in the arms of their father. The rabbi himself was grievously wounded. Some of the wounded who succeeded in crawling away, were dragged back and killed as well.

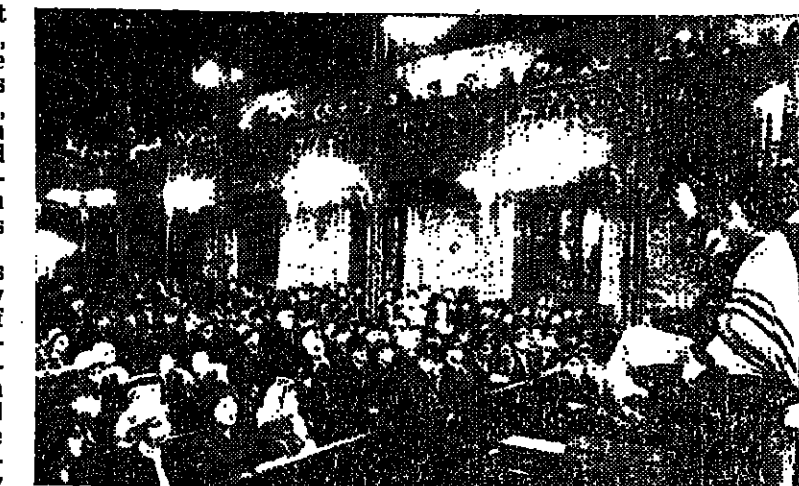
But the massacre in the forest looks mild in comparison with the fate of another group of Jews, taken to an abattoir and slaughtered there. An eye-witness of this atrocity described the scene afterwards in these words: "The bodies of those killed in the slaughter house had been hung on hooks like cattle by the slaughtermen... (some) were found with their stomachs deeply slashed by the vile killers, masters in the art of torture, who, by using kitchen knives tore the intestines from the bodies of the victims and hung them round their necks like ties."

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RUMANIA REMEMBERS

THE LEGION OF HORROR



Rumania's Chief Rabbi Rosen addresses congregants in the Bucharest Synagogue filled to overflowing for a Chanukah service

stored our dignity, and now supports our activities. In exchange they expect us only to be loyal citizens of the country, and to co-operate with other citizens in its upbuilding."

Finally, looking back on the three decades that have elapsed since these tragic events of the war years, Rumanian Jews cannot refrain from recalling with bitterness that those who succeeded in avoiding responsibility for their crimes and found shelter on both sides of the Atlantic are no less guilty than those who were brought to book.

Horla Sima, the chief Legionary commander, along with other Legionaries, enjoys liberty in Spain. Viorel Trifa, one of the organisers of the January 1941 Iron Guard rebellion, lives in the USA, where he holds the rank of bishop.

We remember. We recollect all this. We commemorate. And not only out of a spontaneous tendency to evoke the past, not only out of piety towards our parents, brothers and sisters who died as martyrs, but also to draw all the necessary conclusions from this bitter lesson of the past.

PERSONAL OPINION

The British-Soviet Friendship Society has issued a four-page pamphlet on Soviet Jewry, and I doubt if I have seen so many misstatements of fact in so short a space. No, they are not straight-line apologists for Soviet policy; they always resorted to the more subtle sort.

There is no anti-Jewish discrimination in Russia, the pamphlet insists, and adds by way of proof: "A number of Jews are members of the Government, the Parliament of the Soviet Union, the Parliaments of the Federal Republics and the local authorities."

There is, in fact, but one Jew in the Government—Blinin, suppose, he argued that it could, also, be a number.

The 8,000 is more impressive, but as about 99.99 per cent of them are merely members of the local authority, and as there are nearly two million such members, the figure becomes somewhat less impressive.

Discrimination against Jews, we are told, "is a criminal offence under Soviet law." Now this is a fact, but the law is, and always has been, a dead letter, and I challenge the British-Soviet Friendship Society to show even one case where a Soviet citizen has been charged with discrimination.

There is, we are told, "a theological college" attached to the Moscow Central Synagogue, which has never produced one rabbi, and even it appears to be

four or five Yiddish books appear in a year, hardly "a considerable amount," especially if one recalls that some 500,000 Soviet Jews give Yiddish as their first language.

Only "a few hundred" Jewish families "may want to emigrate." But if the number is so small why stop them? The pamphlet has an answer to that too: "No country allows unrestricted emigration of its population to a country involved in war."

What, none? America allows it, Britain allows it, France, Germany, Holland — everyone in fact, except the Soviet Union, and other, co-called "Peoples Republics."

Most people agree with the Chief Rabbi that services are far too long, but no one is disposed to do anything about it.

Ministers may hint that chazanim allow themselves too many fancy twirls (and they do), chazanim that sermons are too frequent and too long (and they are), and everyone believes that the way the weekly sidra is sliced up for minchot is a sin. This last is the real source of the trouble.

There are synagogues where the sidra is sliced up into so many fine slivers that the wardens could qualify for a job with Cohens (Smoked Salmon) any day in the week. But, of course, they only act as agents for their congregants, and all the congregation wants a slice.

Now most people are perfectly prepared to forgo a mitzva, so prepared are they in fact, that they will forgo going to shool altogether—but only where they

Where they have to recall the memory of a dead parent, however, they will not only insist on a mitzva, but what they consider to be the right mitzva on the right occasion.

It's no good fobbing them off with hagbaha or gellia, or Heaven forbid! peticha or an allya on weekdays, with the assurance that they are all legal tender with the Accountant-on-Iligh. It must be an allya, preferably shellah, and it must be on Shabbat. There are instances where people converted to Christianity because they were offered less.

We are, it would seem, kept within Judaism less by living faith than by the dead faithful.

Phineas May, who retired as secretary of the Hampstead Synagogue last week, was the doyen of his calling and, though not an old man — indeed, given his years, a remarkably young one — he has always evoked to my mind the older, more English United Synagogue, as exemplified by Hampstead itself, stately, dignified, decorous.

He brought many qualities to his work: wide experience, considerable erudition, great love for Hampstead and its traditions, and, most unexpectedly in so sober a gentleman, theatrical flair. He organised the widely-praised United Synagogue centenary exhibition at Christie's last year. When I saw it I found it difficult to believe that it was put together by a busy synagogue official working in his spare time — in so far as synagogue officials can be said to have spare time. A fine man. A great public servant.

ASK THE RABBI

On Shavuot, during the reading of the Law and Haftara respectively, some congregations recited Akdamut and Yatsiv Pitgam. Whence derives this custom and what do the prayers signify?

Scholars suggest the following reason for the recitation of these two hymns (not "prayers"). They are both in Aramaic and in praise of Israel and the Torah. Now there is evidence that in some communities in the Middle Ages it was still the custom, as in Talmudic times, to recite after each verse the Targum of the Bible. This was originally introduced so that those who were unfamiliar with Hebrew would know the meaning of the Scriptural verses that were being read.

These Targumic readings were introduced by a hymn or liturgical poem in the same language. Eventually the Targumic readings were dropped, probably because people understood less Aramaic than they did Hebrew, but the poems were retained. This falls, however, to explain why only these two poems were retained. Perhaps the reason is because of the special significance of Shavuot as the festival of the Giving of the Law.

Akdamut was composed by Rabbi Meir ben Isaac Nehorai (whose name is preserved in the acrostic at the end of the

poem), a chazan of Mainz and Worms who lived in the second half of the eleventh century. (Chazan in this context does not simply mean the cantor but a composer of prayers, hymns and liturgical poems).

The acrostic for Yatsiv Pitgam is Jacob ben Meir Levi and the hymn is consequently attributed to the famous grandson of Rashi, Rabbi Jacob ben Meir of Troyes, known as Rabbenu Tam. It appears, however, that another Jacob ben Meir flourished as a liturgical poet at that time and he may have been the author.

In both poems the reader asks for permission to carry out his task which supports the view that they were originally introductions to the Targum of the Torah reading and the Haftara. If, as seems likely, the person who carried out this task made his own Aramaic translation, the poems mean that he was saying in so many words, please give me permission to engage in this difficult task and I can only hope that I will not give an incorrect rendering.

At some functions it seems to be the custom to stand for the introduction to the Grace after Meals. Why is this?

The custom is by no means universal but where followed it is a demonstration of reverence for the name of God mentioned in the introduction.

Readers' questions on Jewish belief and practice will be answered in this column every week. They should be addressed to: "Ask the Rabbi," Jewish Chronicle, 25 Finsbury Street, London, EC2A 1JT. Answers are intended for general guidance only.

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THE AGE OF AQUARIUS III

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GLORIA TESSLER

The Euston office where we located her seemed hardly large enough to hold a copy of "19" magazine in a good advertising week, let alone swing a cat in. Yet Susan Gilmore managed to pack it like a suitcase with a vivid mass of maxis, minis, midis, trendy striped tops, hot pants and patchwork jackets. She emerged from behind the lot, draped in a slithering cobbly black shawl, looking like a dark-eyed, voluptuous milkmaid from Strawberry Fair.

"I brought them all with me today because I thought they'd make a good picture," said Susan sagely, the publicist par excellence, who wouldn't miss a seven-second commercial in the interests of her clients. She works intensively on her fashion accounts, and alone. For her, the management problems of the nation came early. "I had a junior once. The moment he stopped in he wanted a rise." Now everything is done by telephone or messenger service.

Susan, 21, arrives in her office at 9 a.m.—"the best time because it's quiet then"—looks through the newspapers, rings up her press contacts, handles photographic

sessions and tears down Fleet Street like a programmed tornado in time for the last editions. Her day ends around 7 p.m. and often later, if there are press shows to attend.

Fashion and art fascinated her at school, so when she was offered a job with a fashion PR firm at 15, she snapped it up. Later she promoted, of all things, family emblems at Derry and Toms after which, she decided, not unreasonably, that she could probably handle anything.

So the scientist's daughter from Cheam won her independence at 10, working from home on her newly gained fashion accounts. Using a telephone answering service in the West End, she hawked the newspaper offices on behalf of her first account, a chain of men's and women's boutiques, but her real break came when she did a fashion tie-up with Paramount Films for the film, "Borsalino," featuring the clean-cut, pin-striped new/old male image.

A year ago she set up as a limited company and now she's well in business. Her clients include a fashion house, a firm which makes



Susan Gilmore

(Photo: OWEN THOMAS)

snazzy sweaters and another making denim handbags, jeans and cowbeby shawls, such as the one she wears to such advantage in the photograph.

Today, she takes as fresh a delight in the press cuttings that line her minuscule walls, as she did when she was given her first account in Carnaby Street at the age of 15. "Every PR girl," she says, "is just a contact to someone on a newspaper. It's my job to make my clients famous, not to publicise myself. When I first started I used

to ask people for advice. But now I do everything on my own initiative. That's the way you have to be."

She shares a flat in Swiss Cottage with three girls, all of them in advertising and newspapers—"It's like walking home into a business meeting." At the end of the year she hopes to go to America to promote British fashions—but prefers not to map out her future too rigidly. "I just want to make it one helluva success," she declares.

files on him are spattered with postscripts like "I asked him," "He isn't Jewish," or "I think he definitely is Jewish."

We had our suspicions—confirmed or otherwise. But this week Time Magazine revealed that the man whose speculative disappearance from the pop scene was likened by a fan to "Jesus Christ fading from the Church," has returned to his original name, Robert Allan Zimmerman. In short, he's turned to religion.

Neither his London agent nor the musical journals can offer any explanation, but friends confirm that for over a year Dylan has been reading up Judaism in depth, visiting Israel secretly, and even donating

money. He has even come out in favour of the controversial Jewish Defence League leader, Rabbi Meir Kahane.

The deep-eyed singer who worked a poetic isolationism into his music, who complained once in his protest songs did not protest enough and whose political philosophies became lyrical manifestations of private agonies, seems perhaps at last to have found himself. A recent description in The Guardian has now come true, "Chastise, joyful, earthy. Now he's wise and he's also Bob Zimmerman," it said.

Who knows—perhaps Soviet Jewry will feel the poignancy of his protests now.

the inpage

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DYLAN: The prodigal's return

A halo of mystery has always enhanced the sullen charisma of 30-year-old American singer, Bob Dylan, who likes to confound journalists at press conferences with answers like "I have mercurial eyes," or "my toenails don't fit," or "I was born married 43 years ago."

Reporters complained that they could never interview him. The JC



HOME NEWS—continued

Childwall's spiritual need

From our Correspondent—Liverpool

At its annual meeting last week the members of the Liverpool Childwall Synagogue unanimously approved resolutions requesting the executive and council to make every effort to appoint a senior minister and a reader "as soon as possible."

Several speakers stressed the congregation's urgent need for spiritual leadership. "More than anything else," declared Mr. J. Wiener, "we need a senior minister; otherwise, we shall die as a synagogue."

The discussion, and the resultant resolutions, formed the sequel to a members' meeting the previous week, specially called to consider a motion for the appointment as senior minister of a candidate (the Rev Jeffery Cohen, of Manchester) recommended by the executive and council. Although carried by a simple majority the motion was lost as it failed to gain the requisite two-thirds vote in favour.

The main objections expressed were on the grounds that the candidate was a "cohen" (priest). On the previous Sabbath morning, the Rev Myer Wolfson, assistant minister, and sole incumbent since the offices of reader and senior minister became vacant, had told the congregation he would

Shechita rav

The council of the Liverpool Board of Shechita last week confirmed the recommendation of its ecclesiastical committee that Rabbi M. Rogosnitzky be appointed as rav to the Board of Shechita.

It is to be responsible for all forms of kosher supervision within the community under the authority of the board.

Rabbi Rogosnitzky is the principal of the Liverpool Yeshiva (Talmudical College). His father, is Rabbi E. Rogosnitzky, communal rav of Cardiff.

Leeds youth want land

From our Correspondent

The Leeds Youth Liaison Council is to use every effort to ensure that some form of youth facility is provided on the site in Alwoodley which has been given to the community by the Moor Allerton Golf Club.

Mr Jonathan Lipman, chairman of the Youth Council, told delegates at last week's meeting that his executive would explore several possibilities. There was the obvious problem of finance and for that reason they hoped the Leeds Jewish Institute would meet them to discuss the matter.

Several delegates questioned the need for a synagogue on the site, which they felt would be used for only three days of the year.

Mr Ian Lee pointed out that there was also the need for a Jewish school to provide education for the 13-plus age group.

Bazaar's £15,000

A record £15,000 was raised at the annual Wizo/JNF blue and white bazaar held in Leeds. More than 8,000 people visited the bazaar which was held in the town hall. The three-day event was declared open by a couple celebrating their golden wedding, Mr and Mrs S. J. Lewis.

Hove honours rabbi

From our Correspondent

Rabbi Erwin Solomon Rosenblum was presented with an illuminated address for his services to the Borough of Hove.

Speaking at the Hove town hall reception, the Mayor (Alderman Baron D. Saunders) and the town clerk (Mr John Stevens) both said that Rabbi Rosenblum had done much to cement the relationship between the Jewish and non-Jewish community.

Rabbi Rosenblum, of the Brighton & Hove New Synagogue, was joint chaplain, with Canon A. R. Blackledge, the Rural Dean of Hove, to the former Mayor, Councillor Norman Nathan Freedman.

A coffee morning held at the home of Mrs Sylvia Benn raised £20 for Brighton and Hove Wizo.

Ireland

The Irish Friends of Magen David Adom has been formed in Dublin by a group of young people, with a committee headed by Dr. David Tomlin.

A record £1,000 was raised when the Dublin Hulan Zionist Group held their annual fashion show. A young German, Thomas Wolfangel,

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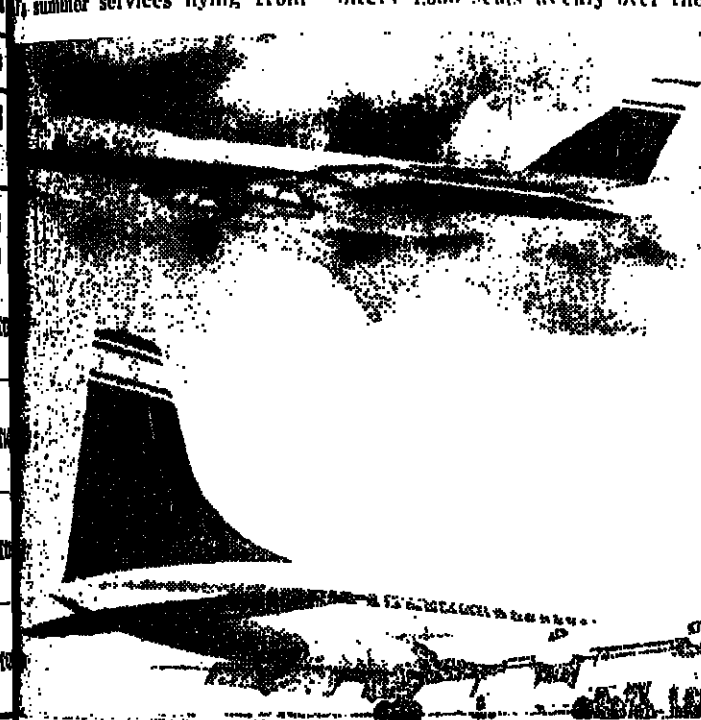
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TRAVEL

to the skies with El Al

DAVID PELA

There has been a big week for El Al, Israel's national airline. First Jumbo jet touched down at Heathrow on Tuesday on its first trip from New York to London. Soon the giant aircraft will be in its commercial debut in El Al's summer services flying from London to Tel Aviv.



The Jumbo jet (top), El Al's latest acquisition, and the Britannia

Activ to New York via London three times a week (an additional stop will be made in Paris winter).

This is no ordinary Jumbo. It is a Boeing 747-200, an advanced model of the revolutionary aircraft which last year carried more than five million passengers without serious incident.

El Al had good reason to order a new model. Because of its powerful engine and greater capacity the 747-200 will be able to carry 400 passengers on a highly profitable New York-London route (the ordinary 747-100 is restricted to about 300 passengers on this route).

With its new fleet of modern aircraft already has ten Boeing 707s and another Jumbo will

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STORY

Cain and the holy mountain

MENAHEM STERN

After Cain was cursed by the Lord for the murder of his brother Abel, he quickly picked up a few of his belongings and he wandered off into the unknown. A whole day he walked without taking a rest, nor did he eat or drink. He was so busy walking that he hardly looked at the trees, bushes, hills or brooks.

In the evening he came to a mountain. He felt very tired and his feet were sore from stepping on prickly plants, pebbles and hot sand. He lay down at the foot of the mountain, but tried in vain to fall asleep. He turned nervously from one side to the other. Finally, he gave up the idea of falling asleep and remained lying on his back, facing the dark-blue sky that was staring at him with many big, shiny stars.



Two of the stars, the biggest and reddest which were closest to the moon, resembled the eyes of his brother Abel and they seemed to ask: "Why did you kill me, brother Cain? Did I not help you with harvesting your fields when you were ill? And if you wished to have a lamb, wouldn't I have given it to you? How could you commit such a horrible crime?"

Cain closed his eyes, but the stars seemed to shine through his eyelids and he could hear within him their voices: "Why, brother Cain?—Waves of guilt feelings poured forth.

Suddenly, he heard in the wind approaching steps. They had the same sound and rhythm as Abel's... Cain was scared. In his mind he saw the tall, mild-mannered Abel falling under the blow of the sharp-edged rock which he aimed at him with all his might... And he remorsefully thought that the whole of human life often depends on a quick passion, on a split second.

"Yesterday my conscience was clear and I slept in a bed which was made up by the tender hands of my mother, Eve. Now I am a killer and fugitive from my home and from close relations, with a mark on my forehead which tells of the terrible deed..." he mused. But he quickly shook off the guilty thoughts and he, the cruel, egoistic Cain, was busy whitewashing himself: "If not for that terrible thing, the sharp-edged stone that lay near me, Abel would still have been alive... It is the devilish thing called stone that prompted me to kill... and not I but the stone should be cursed by God..."

The stones and rocks on the mountains understood his thoughts and they became very angry at Cain. "He blames the stone for his heinous crime and not himself," a stone exclaimed. "He refuses to face the truth which is the first step to repentance," said another. "A cowardly murderer," shouted the big rock that lay on the mountain top. "I shall roll down and kill him like a tiny fly."

"Hush! You cannot kill Cain," said the Lord. "As it is My will that he shall live. And besides, you should know that you are not ordinary stones, but stones on Mount Sinai, which is a holy mountain. One day Moses, the liberator and teacher of the Jewish people, will climb to the top of your mountain and on one of your stones will engrave my laws. And one of these laws will be, 'Do not kill.'"

The rocks and the stones listened to the Lord. And they did not stir.

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Motherly Aviva plays with young Shmuel at the children's village of Neve Tevilim. Here children from kibbutzim who have problems are rehabilitated. They study and play in happy surroundings.

RADIO

"Do you like being Jewish?" was the question posed to a few, very young Jewish girls on a new radio programme called "You don't have to be Jewish," the first in a series broadcast on Radio London.

There were mixed feelings among those interviewed whether they liked being Jewish. Jennifer, who sounded older than the others, said she did like being Jewish—it made her feel different. But Alison, who could

have only been a very small child, said she felt left out.

She recounted a sad tale about two of her school friends saying how tasty pork was, but she couldn't join in the conversation because she had never eaten pork! Another little girl said she liked learning Hebrew and learning about Israel.

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QUIZ

Can you fill in the missing letters (with the correct spelling) in the following words? Each is the name of a place in Judah or Israel in the time of the Kings.

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2. B-----A.
3. E---R.
4. G-----E.
5. G---H.
6. J-----O.

Answers: 1. Jericho 2. Bethel 3. Eilat 4. Gath 5. Gath 6. Jerusalem

HUMOUR

Nightmare

The day of my birthday what a time that will be! Dad, mum and the rabbi will be crying bitterly. The caterers will miss the date.

My suit be fit for a clown My mind will be blank My voice will break The maffie be upside down Two neighbours will have a fight

Right there in the street Because one of them is Saul Biskind who flew over from his home in Cleveland, Ohio

Will be a fountain pen Causing me to tear my hair And holler—"not again!" The speeches will draw hours

The guests will doze away And I will sit there waiting What these weeks of pain were for.

The thing will be a disaster Instead of filled with joy When it comes to a birthday Who'd be a Jewish boy!

Stephen Galesky

New members

A hearty welcome is extended to the following new members of the Young Israel League: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rogers, 9 Gower St., London N4(4); Madeleine Miller, 83 (Guldford St., Surrey); Simon Cohen, 11 Cliff, Walsley; Sarah Hertz, (Leeds 17); Ann Hurst, (Leeds 17).

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a few lines...

Southgate and District Reform Synagogue ladies' guild gave a party to 80 senior citizens brought into the hall by the East End. After tea the old folk were entertained to old-time musical numbers with Mrs. Freeman at the piano. There were bridge, cakes and bunches of spring flowers were presented to each guest.

Over 100 people attended a reception of past members of the Beth Green Jewish Girls' Club, held at the Cambridge and Bethnal Green Boys' Club, Virginia Road. The guest of honour was Mrs. Saul Biskind who flew over from her home in Cleveland, Ohio.

Rabbi Hugo Gryn, senior minister of the West London Synagogue, was the guest speaker at the third meeting of the B'nai B'rith London House, London. Dr. Robert Hertz, grand vice-president of B'nai B'rith, was in the chair.

Dr. Charles Abrahamson has been elected president of Nightingale House, Home for Aged Jews, Wandsworth.

Dr. Sommer and Dr. Hirsch were at the B'nai B'rith House for a Jewish supper party. Dr. Aaron was on a "Jewish Humour" tour.

At the inaugural meeting of the Anglo-Israel Friendship League of London, held in the Fulham Club, Dr. T. E. Freeman, MP, and Dr. Patrick O'Donovan, the joint-

chairmen, spoke on the importance of the League. Dr. Freeman, MP, said that the League was a new and important development in the relations between the Jewish and non-Jewish communities in London.

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